



Fazenda Santa Maria / Santa Maria d'Oeste

Property

Fazenda Santa Maria / Santa Maria d'Oeste

Formosa do Rio Preto, Bahia

Cerrado biome

CAR:

BA-2911105-E52FFB36A55B4D5FA3710146808C5EFE,
BA-2911105-8CB3FD1D05DB4C65834DOC84A34A2E14,
BA-2911105-6E0B5D652C0B44648FA4C563F5A8F113,
BA-2911105-AFE9B923C46B4B379E564F9A9E215EE6

SIGEF/
SNCI:

4321050368896

Area property (ha):

14,120

Coordinates property:

-10.94294, -45.92089

Cleared Area

Coordinates clearance:

-10.93142, -45.92773

2,265

Hectares

113,197

tons of CO₂

102

fires alerts

period clearance:

Jul 2022 to Jul 28, 2023

Inside Forest Code's
protected areas:

No

- -

Type of vegetation:

Wooded Savanna

Priority for Biodiversity Conservation:

Extremely high

Conservation area(s) (overlapping or bordering):

Área de Proteção Ambiental do Rio Preto

Indigenous Territories (overlapping or bordering):

-

July 2022



Source: Imagery ©2022 Planet Labs Inc.

Imagery: limits of the
property (blue), limits of the
cleared area (red)

July 2023



Source: Imagery ©2023 Planet Labs Inc.

Fires

20 July 2023

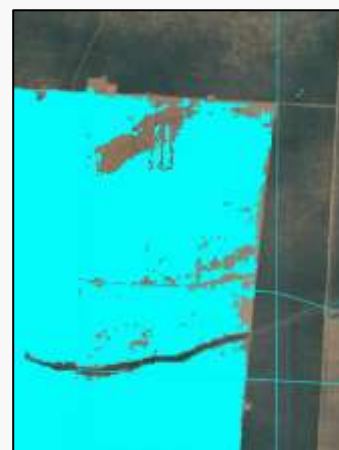


Source: European Union - EO Browser Copernicus Sentinel data 2023



Fazenda Santa Maria / Santa Maria d'Oeste

Agricultural activity since deforestation: soy production (June 2023)



Imagery: Fazenda Santa Maria / Santa Maria d'Oeste (blue polygon) in June 2023, demonstrating soy production (blue shape fill) after clearing of the area between July 2022 and July 2023.

Coordinates: -10.91761, -45.97645.

Source: @2026 Airbus; Soy area confirmed in 2024 by Song et. al. 2021. "Soy Planted Area".





Fazenda Santa Maria / Santa Maria d'Oeste

Environmental fines and embargoes				
Embargoes:	No -			
Environmental fines:	Yes (other links)	1 environmental fine in 2003 due to the clearance of native vegetation in the municipality of Uberaba (MG)		BRL 1,500
Ownership and other linked properties				
Ownership:	Canabrava Agropecuária			
Company group:	Incorporadora Canabrava Empreendimentos Imobiliários, Canabrava Participações, MMA Guarda de Documentos, all registered in Uberaba (MG), and Sociedade de Fomento Mercantil e Serviços (registered in Prata - MG)			
Linked properties:	The company Canabrava Agropecuária operates a cluster of properties in Formosa do Rio Preto (BA), totalling 87,000 ha consisting of the properties Fazenda Santa Maria and Fazenda Santa Maria d'Oeste. There are other 3 linked properties. In Jequié (BA): Fazenda Serra do Xavier (400 ha). In Uberaba (MG): Fazenda Jurema (unknown area). In Prata (MG): Fazenda Piracan (unknown area)			
Supply chain links				
Main Commodities		Soy		
Confirmed supply chain link, level of certainty, and soy trader/ beef processor		Yes	High / Low	Bunge / ALZ Grãos, Cargill
Companies' reply		Cargill: Considering the 10 cases of the present report, “in 2 cases, we negotiated with the mentioned farm or farms close to the one mentioned, and we have evidence that the clearance was legal; in 1 case, we negotiated with the farm in 2022, but now the supplier is blocked.”		
Soy	Warehouses (50 km radius)	31 warehouses including 2 owned by Bunge, 2 by Cargill, and 1 by ALZ Grãos		
	Supply chain links & details:	Fazenda Santa Maria supplied soy to Bunge in 2017		
Beef	Slaughterhouses (sourcing from the municipality)	-		
	Supply chain links & details:	-		
Other supply chain links and details:		The property produces also cotton and corn		
General comments				
Canabrava Agropecuária is one of Brazil's most prominent breeders of American Quarter Horses. Based in Uberaba (MG), the company was established in 1971 by Ferdinando José de Assumpção (deceased in 2018) and is now owned by his son Mario Fernando Palmério Assumpção (1). In 2020, Canabrava Agropecuária received authorization to clear 3,159 hectares of native vegetation in the cluster of Fazenda Santa Maria in Formosa do Rio Preto (BA), despite the suspicion of being linked to land-grabbing operations in the region (2). In 2019, the property Fazenda Santa Maria d'Oeste had 663 ha of native vegetation converted to soybean cultivation (2). Canabrava Agropecuária has links to Chongqing Grain Group and intends to attract Chinese groups for investment in the agribusiness sector in Uberaba (MG) (3). Currently, Canabrava Agropecuária holds BRL 9.7 million in debts with the Brazilian government (4). In 1999 the property Fazenda Santa Maria was listed as a land-grabbing case by the National Institute for Colonization and Agrarian Reform (INCRA), and in 2021, had been linked to conflicts with local communities that claim the ownership of the territory (5). In May 2022, the property Fazenda Santa Maria was visited by an operation of the Civil and Militar Polices to assess conflicts with local communities in the region (6). In February 2023, the Court of Justice obliged the company Canabrava Agropecuária to allow local communities to circulate in the area and to pay an indemnification of BRL 200,000 for blocking access to the area in previous years (7). One of the properties that are part of Fazenda Santa Maria d'Oeste cluster (8 and Gleba J, with another CAR declaration - BA-2911105-AB738498EBFC48FBB9AFFED4253467F9), has the authorization to clear 1,295 hectares of native vegetation valid until August 2023 for agricultural activities (8).				
(1) http://cbonline.com.br (2) https://deolhonosruralistas.com.br/2020/07/22/autorizacoes-para-desmatamento-na-bahia-incluem-gigante-da-celulose-e-fazendeiro-parricida/ (3) https://uniube.br/mariopalmerio (4) http://g1.globo.com/minas-gerais/triangulo-mineiro/noticia/2017/01/interessado-no-potencial-do-triangulo-mineiro-grupo-chines-visita-uberaba.html (5) https://www.campanhacerrado.org.br/noticias/309-atentado-em-formosa-do-rio-preto (6) https://portaldocerrado.com/justica-realiza-diligencias-em-areas-de-conflitos-de-terras-em-formosa-do-rio-preto/ (7) http://ne3.caritas.org.br/noticias/a-luta-pelo-territorio-da-comunidade-geraizeira-de-sao-marcelo-conquista-vitoria-judicial (8) INEMA, Bahia				